



WHEREAS, Turner Syndrome (TS) is a non-inheritable chromosomal disorder that affects one in 2,500 live female births; and,

WHEREAS, early diagnosis can ensure that affected girls and women receive a complete cardiac screening; and,

WHEREAS, risk for acute aortic dissection is increased in young and middle-aged women with TS; and,

WHEREAS, early diagnosis facilitates prevention or remediation of growth failure, hearing problems and learning difficulties; and,

WHEREAS, individuals with TS have an increased risk of non-verbal learning disorder(NLD) and in school and work these impairments can cause problems in math, visuospatial skills, executive function skills and job retention; and,

WHEREAS, a disproportionately small amount of funding is available for Turner Syndrome research and support; and,

WHEREAS, with the help of medical specialists and a good social support system, a woman with TS can live a happy, healthy life; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of TS Awareness Month will provide an opportunity to share experiences and information with the public and the media, in order to raise public awareness about Turner Syndrome; and,

THEREFORE, I, Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim February 2014 as **TURNER SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH** and encourages all citizens to support awareness, education, and services for Turner Syndrome, which affects hundreds of female babies in Illinois.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.

Done at the Capitol, in the City of Springfield,

this FOURTEENTH day of JANUARY, in

the Year of Our Lord two thousand and

THIRTEEN, and of the State of Illinois

the one hundred and NINETY-SIXTH



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SECRETARY OF STATE

Pat Quinn

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